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SUBJECT: Bay-Delta Advisory Council Status

The CALFED Bay-Delta Program has received many inquiries regarding the status of the Bay-Delta Advisory Council, during this period of completing the Record of Decision and preparing for implementation. The purpose of this memo is to provide you and others with a brief update on the status of the Council and its meeting schedule.

Status

The Council is still in existence and its federal charter does not expire until July 2001. The "Framework for Action" calls for a public advisory committee to advise the CALFED agencies on implementing the Program. The Council (in its present form) is expected to be in existence until a new or amended Federal Advisory Committee Act charter takes effect, sometime after the Record of Decision. The charter will reflect responsibilities related to implementation and possibly new membership criteria.

Meetings

The Council last met on May 17, 2000 to deliberate on the Recommendation on the CALFED Solution which Chair Mike Madigan and Vice Chair Sunne McPeak formally submitted to the CALFED Policy Group on July 6, 2000. No other meetings of the Council have been scheduled, yet, although a meeting or two may be scheduled during fall 2000. The Council's meeting schedule will be set soon after the Record of Decision is completed. In the mean time, the CALFED Policy Group will invite Council members to public meetings that it schedules.

The Council's subcommittees and work groups are continuing to meet and may forward recommendations to the Council prior to the end of the year. For example, the Ecosystem Roundtable may forward recommendations to the Council on projects to be funded as a result of the FY 2000 Proposal Solicitation Package (PSP). If recommendations are forwarded by the subcommittees and work groups, the Council will meet to consider those recommendations and forward the results of its deliberations to the CALFED Policy Group. In addition, the CALFED Policy Group or the Program staff may ask the Council to provide advice on issues such as an annual Program progress report.

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